

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley

Sing unto the Lord

Sing unto the Lord a new song; let his praises fill the temple.

He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Bow down before him. Sing unto the Lord a new song; for he loves to hear our praises. Let all of creation sing, "Glory to our God!" Bow down before him.

Hallelujah! Glory to God. Hallelujah! Glory to God.

Jesus, Lord to Me

Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me. Master, Savior, Prince of Peace!
Ruler of my heart today, Jesus, Lord to me. *(repeat)*

Mighty Is Our God

Chorus:

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King; mighty is our Lord,
ruler of everything. Glory to our God, glory to our King; glory to
our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name; his pow'r is
greater, for he has created everything. *(repeat chorus)*

*Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you alone know how often we have sinned
against you. We forget your commandments. We do not love
you with all our heart and all our strength and all our mind.
We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. We are too quick in
judgment of others and too slow in caring for those in need
around us. Forgive us Father. Help us to live as your children,
forgiven and precious in your sight; for we ask in Jesus' name.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:12–23

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1–9

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Anthem: *Blessings*

--Josh March, Lorna March

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:15–22

Sermon

*Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious
flow'r. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this
hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and
praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these
days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy
control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage lest we miss thy
kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage that we fail not man nor thee,
that we fail not man nor thee.

*Creed: Heidelberg Catechism (Q. 94)

Q. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I must avoid and flee all idolatry, sorcery, enchantments, invocation of saints or other creatures because of the risk of losing my salvation. Indeed, I ought properly to acknowledge the only true God, trust in him alone, in humility and patience expect all good from him only, and love, fear and honor him with my whole heart. In short, I should rather turn my back on all creatures than do the least thing against his will

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS: Steve Lorge, John Mouw, Nat Schroeder, Bob Werner, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft

*Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Benediction/Response: *Majesty*

Majesty, worship his majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus, magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen Drive-thru

Tuesday: 4:00p.m. Session

Wednesday: 7:30a.m. Prayers at the Pavilion

3:30-5:00p.m. Pavilion Party

4-year old – 6th Grade

Operation Christmas Child: Pick up a box or two to fill and return by Sunday, November 15th. They are on the sign-up table in the Fireside Room. Or, call the Church office (774-4211) to pick one up during the week.

Wednesday Prayer Vigils have begun. There are still openings in half-hour increments to come in and pray in the chapel on Wednesdays. Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you are interested in joining this ministry of praying for our country, our leaders, our Church.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1–9

- 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!